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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Matthias DORSCH, et al. )

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For: **DETECTION OF GIARDIA** )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, 9-10, and 14-17 as follows:

Q1 1. (AMENDED) An oligonucleotide molecule for the detection of *Giardia lamblia* (*G. lamblia*), wherein the oligonucleotide molecule hybridises under medium to high stringency conditions to unique 18S rDNA/rRNA sequences of *G. lamblia*.